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Working Group on Indigenous and Northern Issues	Interior, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	Economic Development		MOA/MOU	promote mutually beneficial exchanges in areas of policy development, institutional building, program delivery, research, legislation, and other pertinent areas	Yes	signed into effect March 29, 2010
Small Business Workgroup	SBA, Agriculture	Economic Development		MOA/MOU	technical assistance and training for Native businesses	Yes	?
Promise Zones Program	Agriculture (lead)	Economic Development		Executive Order	create a better bargain for the middle-class by partnering with local communities and businesses to create jobs, increase economic security, expand educational opportunities, increase access to quality, affordable housing and improve public safety	No	Initiative announced January 8, 2014
477 Workgroup	Interior, Health and Human Services, Labor	Economic Development		MOA/MOU	coordinate federal employment and training resources	Yes	2010
Tribal Interior Budget Council	Interior	Economic Development		Federal Advisory Committee	provides a forum and process for tribes and Federal officials to work together in developing annual budget requests for Indian programs	Yes	
Self-Governance Advisory Committee	Interior, Health and Human Services	Economic Development		Federal Advisory Committee	focus on budget and leveraging of federal resources to provide technical assistance to tribal programs	Yes	ongoing
US Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)	Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, HHS, DHS, HUD, Interior, Justice, Labor, Transportation, VA, GSA, CNCS, OMB, SSA, USPS, WH Office of Faith-Based Initiatives	Health		Statute	set a path towards ending all homelessness - specifically targets populations of families and youth, children, veterans	No	Since 1987, created by Stewart B. McKinney Homelessness Assistance Act
Tribal Law and Order Act Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee	Interior, Health and Human Services, Justice, Education	Health	Justice	MOU/MOA	emphasizes assisting tribal gov'ts in their efforts to address certain behavioral health issues among Indians, specifically mental illness and dysfunctional/self-destructive behaviors including substance abuse, child abuse, and family violence	Yes	signed into effect March 1, 2011, with no expiration date
Let's Move! In Indian Country	Health and Human Services, Interior, Agriculture, CNCS	Health		Informal	leveraging	Yes	kick off May 25, 2011 at Menominee Reservation
Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee	Health and Human Services	Health		Federal Advisory Committee	purpose is to seek consensus, exchange views, share information, provide advice and/or recommendations; or facilitate any other interaction related to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration of HHS programs, including those that arise explicitly or implicitly under statute, regulation or Executive Order.	Yes	began December 2010?
Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention	Health and Human Services, Interior, Education, Defense, Veterans Affairs, CDC,	Health		Public-Private Partnership	leveraging federal resources to combat suicide and raise national awareness of issues	No	roughly 2000
Indian Child Welfare Working Group	Interior, Justice, Health and Human Services	Justice		Informal	revisions of guidelines for state and local courts	Yes	2012
Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) Working Group	Interior, Justice	Justice		Informal	collaborate on points of access to assist tribes in implementing new provisions of the law	Yes	2011
Vice President's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Task Force	Interior, Justice, Education, Health and Human Services	Justice		Informal	derived from greater TLOA initiatives - focuses on supporting tribes in the enforcement and prosecution of VAWA-related crimes	Yes	2013
Vice President's Sexual Assault at Colleges and Universities Task Force	Interior, Justice, Education, Health and Human Services	Justice		Informal	Work to empower college students to know their rights under Title IX and protect a student's rights when reporting/pursuing prosecution of assaults	No	2014
Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence Federal Working Group	Justice (lead), Interior	Justice		Informal	works to find and fill the gaps in wrap-around services for children exposed to violence as well as those victimized by violent crime	Yes	2013
Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group	Justice, EPA, Agriculture, Interior, Homeland Security	Justice		Informal	meets to discuss leverage points of federal resources	No	?
Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable	Justice, Veterans' Affairs, Health and Human Services, Interior, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Social Security Administration, Education, Homeland Security, Housing & Urban Development, Labor, Treasury, Federal Trade Commission, CNCS, National Science Foundation, Domestic Policy Council, OMB, Agriculture, Legal Services Corporation, Administrative Conference of the US	Justice		Informal	make progress toward integrating legal aid programs as grantees, sub-grantees, and partners; determine which programs that help the vulnerable and underserved could be more effective and efficient, and produce better outcomes for Americans, if legal services were among the range of supportive services provided	No	?

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Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Workgroup	Interior, Education	Native Youth Education		MOA/MOU	establish the responsibilities of BIE and BIE-funded schools for the use of funds provided by ED and BIE for the benefit of American Indian & Alaska Native students under the ESEA	Yes	signed into effect December 3, 2012, with no expiration date
Coordinated Services for Indian Children with Disabilities	Interior, Health and Human Services	Native Youth Education		MOA/MOU	facilitate local IHS-BIE coordination for delivery of services to Bureau-funded schools	Yes	signed into effect on March 28, 2011, with no expiration date
Native Languages	Interior, Health and Human Services, Education	Native Youth Education		MOA/MOU	preserve, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native people to use, practice, and develop Native American languages	Yes	signed into effect November 30, 2012, with no expiration date
Committee on Exceptional Children	Interior	Native Youth Education		Federal Advisory Committee	meet the mandates of the IDEA for Indian children with disabilities	No	authorized by P.L. 108-446, Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004
Tribal Youth and Education	Education, Interior, Agriculture	Native Youth Education		MOA/MOU	work to engage youth in higher education and potential interest in federal careers	Yes	2011
Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska	Interior, Domestic Policy Council, National Economic Council, Office of Science and Technology, Council on Environmental Quality, National Security Staff	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Executive Order	facilitate the orderly and environmentally sound development of renewable and conventional energy in the oceans, coastal regions, and interior lands of Alaska	No	EO 13580 signed into effect July 12, 2011
Planning and Implementing Agriculture Programs on Indian Lands	Interior, Agriculture	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		MOA/MOU	common objectives of communication, collaboration, and consultation with agricultural producers, Indian landowners, and Indian tribes for the development, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources; and for promoting houses, business, utilities, infrastructure, and other developments	Yes	signed into effect September 18, 2012, expires September 18, 2017
Sacred Sites Workgroup	Interior, Agriculture, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Energy, Defense	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		MOA/MOU	improve the protection of and tribal access to Indian sacred sites; educate and increase awareness to federal and non-federal stakeholders of these issues; review and revise existing confidentiality standards	No	signed into effect December 4, 2012, expires on December 31, 2017
Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities	Interior, EPA, Agriculture, HUD, HHS	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		MOA/MOU	assist tribes in improving quality of life by providing infrastructure and promoting sustainable practices to support the provision of safe drinking water and basic sanitation for tribal communities	Yes	signed into effect March 28, 2013, expires March 28, 2021
Catch a Special Thrill for Kids Foundation	Interior, Agriculture, Defense	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		MOA/MOU	increase opportunities for children with disabilities and/or disadvantages to use and enjoy outdoor recreation on public waters and related lands.	No	signed into effect June 4, 2012
Transfers of Federal Land Parcels back to Tribes	Interior, Defense (sometimes GSA and/or Justice)	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Informal	assist in transfer of land, usually a former military parcel, back to tribes	Yes	Meets informally as needed when situations arise
National Tribal Water Council	EPA (lead), Agriculture, Interior (USGS),	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Informal	While the Council is a formal body under EPA to engage directly with tribes, the cross-agency collaboration is informal and focused on tribal nutrient strategy	Yes	Meets informally as needed when situations arise
Interagency Land Management Adaptation Group/Federal Climate Community of Practice	Agriculture, EPA, Interior, Energy	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Informal	develop shared capacity for training, monitoring, and assessments; improve science/management coordination; and build inclusive landscape scale adaptation strategies	No	most likely being absorbed by the White House Council Climate Change/Energy Subgroup
Council for Native American Farming and Ranching	Agriculture	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Federal Advisory Committee	created in response to the <u>Keepseagle</u> decision, works to advise the Secretary on ways to eliminate barriers to participation for Native American Farmers and Ranchers in USDA programs	Yes	Aug-12
Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program	Labor	Economic Development		Other	OFCCP's Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program (INAERP) oversees employment rights issues for Indian and Native American wage earners and job seekers who are employed or seek employment with companies doing business with the Federal Government.	Yes	Initiative announced March 2013
Native American Employment and Training Council	Labor	Economic Development		Federal Advisory Committee	The Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC) provides advice to the Secretary of Labor regarding the overall operation and administration of Native American programs authorized under Section 166 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), as well as the implementation of other programs providing services to Native American youth and adults under this Act.	Yes	1998

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Working Group on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples	State, USUN, USAID, Interior, Domestic Policy Council, WH Office of Public Engagement	Other	Other	Informal	U.S. indigenous peoples' recommendations for the WCIP.	Yes	2013
Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group	Energy	Economic Development	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Other	Established by Secretary of Energy to advise the DOE on energy development and energy infrastructure related issues	Yes	Established Aug. 2011
State Tribal Government Working Group	Energy	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Other	Established by Secretary of Energy to advise DOE on nuclear weapons cleanup activity that impacts tribal communities	No	Established in 1994
National Coordination Committee on the Office for Victims of Crimes' American Indian/Alaska Native Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner - Sexual Assault Response Team Initiative	Justice, HHS, Interior	Justice	Health	Federal Advisory Committee	Identify existing resources, challenges and gaps related to sexual violence response, and make recommendation for funding, training and policies related to sexual violence service provision in AI/AN communities.	Yes	Established in 2012
National Intertribal Youth Summit Federal Partner Advisory Committee	Justice (lead), Interior, Health and Human Services, HUD, CNCS, ONDCP	Justice	Native Youth Education	Other	to coordinate efforts for yearly intertribal youth summits, ensure interagency input on summit agendas and activities and encourage broad federal representation at youth summits	Yes	Committee was active throughout planning for yearly summits in 2010-2012. Plans are underway to reactivate committee for assistance with intertribal youth leadership initiative which encompasses a series of regional Native youth events and trainings.
Advisory Committee of the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence	Justice (lead), Interior			Federal Advisory Committee	Explore issues related to AI/AN children exposed to violence through public hearings and listening sessions. Develop a final report with policy and practice recommendations.	Yes	Initiated in September 2013
Rural Alaska Children's Environmental Health Initiative	EPA (lead), HUD, Interior, HHS/CDC/ATSDR, ANTHC/HIS, Tribes, State Agencies, Non-profits	Health	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Other	Reducing harmful environmental exposures to children in rural Alaska, with a focus on Alaska Native children	Yes	4 years
Rural Alaska Dust Group	EPA (lead), Interior, DOT/FHWA, Tribes, State Agencies, Non-Profits, Industry, University and Research Partners	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Health	Other	Reducing airborne dust (e.g. from roadways and runways) and improving air quality in Alaska Native villages	Yes	Established January 2014
Tribal Indoor Environments Team (Northwest - OR, ID, WA)	EPA (lead), USDA Rural Development, Interior, IHS, HHS/CDC/ATSDR, Tribes/Tribal Housing Association	Health	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Other	Improving housing conditions (e.g., indoor air quality) and related health outcomes in tribal communities	Yes	established June 2013
Northwest Tribal Summit on Improving Asthma Outcomes in Children: Securing Sustainable Financing for In-Home Interventions	EPA (lead), HHS/HRSA, HUD, IHS, Tribal Representatives	Health	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Other	improving asthma outcomes in Native children in the NW through increasing reimbursement for in-home asthma care	Yes	Planning underway for 6 months. Summit date is 9/26/14
Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)	EPA and about 30 representatives from tribes and intertribal organizations	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Interacts with EPA's National Tribal Operations Committee which focuses more on budget and strategic issues.	Jan-00	The TPPC is a tribal technical resource and program and policy dialogue and development group, focused on pesticide issues and concerns. It is composed of authorized representatives from federally recognized tribes and Indian nations and intertribal organizations. To learn more, see http://www.tpponline.org/ .	Yes	Fourteen
Implementation work group for the EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country	EPA, tribes, states	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Tribal representatives are also on the TPPC. State representatives are on lead agencies and educational and outreach groups.	Dec-13	The EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country	No	<1
National Tribal Toxics Council (NTTC)	EPA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Interacts with EPA's national Tribal Operations Committee which focuses more on budget and strategic issues.	Jun-11	The NTTC is a forum through which tribes provides advice on the development of EPA's chemical management and pollution prevention programs that affect them. The NTTC helps EPA better tailor and more efficiently address a variety of issues, including preventing poisoning from lead-based paint, expanding pollution prevention and safer chemical initiatives in Indian country, and better evaluating chemical exposures that may be unique to tribes and their members. http://www4.nau.edu/itep/nttc/index.asp	Yes	Three
National EPA-Tribal Science Council (TSC)	EPA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Formal via TSC Overview Document	The TSC was created in partnership with Tribal representatives to help integrate agency and tribal science interests. A primary responsibility of the tribally-driven TSC is to work collaboratively to identify and address priority science issues of national significance	Yes	Formed in 1999 at the request of the National Tribal Caucus; Council operational since December 2001 where first meeting was held at the AK-Chin and Gila River Indian Communities

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Federal Regional Council and FRC – Tribal Subcommittee:	EPA+25 Agencies	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Other	a focus on tribal work at the 25+ Federal agencies collocated in USEPA Region 9. Past FRC priorities have been tribes, border, and islands, current priorities include tribes.		YES
CA TAGC	EPA and Others	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Other	This interagency group meets monthly and focuses on tribal needs and available funding in Southern California (lead by Riverside BIA). Federal agencies participate.		
California Governor's Drought Interagency Working Group:	EPA, BIA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Other	Governor Brown's office has established a standing call with tribal leaders (monthly) and a standing interagency call on drought (biweekly). Federal and state agencies participate.	Yes	Several years.
Tribal Green Building Codes	EPA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Summit statement	The goal of this Workgroup is to advance tribal goals in developing, implementing and enforcing culturally relevant green building codes, policies and programs leading to healthier, more sustainable communities.	Yes	2011
Interagency Working Group on Indian Affairs	Energy, Health and Human Services, Interior, Defense, Justice, Agriculture, Housing Administration, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, National Science Foundation, NASA, VA, Corporation of National and Community Service, EPA,	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Informal	foster interagency collaboration and coordination and to improve federal-tribal consultation and the delivery of services to Indian Tribes. Group maintains OPM WETG training course and has developed other tools for agency staff. Currently group is co-led by HHS/ACF and DOE.	Yes	2001 - present
Monthly Tribal Mining Calls	USEPA, USGS, BIA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		informal	Exchange technical information regarding mining in Region 5 that may impact tribal lands. Tribes from within MI, WI and MN participate in the calls.	Yes	Several years.
Multi-Agency MOU Work Group (for Indian country in MI, MN, and WI)	EPA, IHS, BIA, USGS, FEMA, NRCS, HUD	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Health	MOA/MOU	Provide mechanism for federal agencies to work cooperatively to: identify tribal priorities, determine federal roles and responsibilities, and develop coordinated actions to respond to environmental issues and/or assist tribes to develop environmental programs	Yes	1989
EPA National Indian Law Work Group	EPA (lead), Justice, Interior	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Health	Other	meets monthly to address federal Indian law issues concerning human health and environmental protection in Indian country and Alaska Native villages	Yes	Since the Mid-1980s
RESTORE Council	Commerce, EPA, USDA, FS, Army Corps and NRCS	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Other	engagement and consultation with tribes on RESTORE project submittal and ultimately on project implementation.	Yes	?
The <u>Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO)</u>	EPA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		MOA/MOU	coordinates U.S. efforts with Canada under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem, which includes Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario. GLNPO brings together federal, state, tribal (Region 2 and Region 5), local, and industry partners under the strategic framework of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to accomplish the objectives of GLRI action plan which in turn fulfills the aims of the GLWQA	No	?
National Tribal Caucus	EPA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Other	19 elected tribal officials serve on this Caucus, representing the tribes from EPA's 10 Regions. Members work with EPA to provide input on environmental issues under EPA's purview, including discussions around priorities, resources, consultation, data needs and other national topics.	Yes	
Local Governments Advisory Council	EPA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources		Federal Advisory Committee	The LGAC provides advice and recommendations that assist the EPA in developing a stronger partnership with local governments through building tribal, State and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs. The ultimate goal of the LGAC is to provide the citizens of the Nation with more efficient and effective environmental protection at the community, tribal, State and Federal level.	No	Established 1993

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Interagency Collaboration on Solid Waste Management Issues in Indian Country	EPA (lead), USDA/RD, DOE, HHS-IHS, Dept of Homeland Security, HUD, DOI, DOT, FEMA	Land/Environment/Nat. Resources	Health	Other	Foster collaborative interagency partnerships on solid waste management issues in Indian country and ANVs, including enhanced participation in existing MOU supported Infrastructure Task Force focusing on infrastructure (line # 28 above)	Yes	2014
My Brother's Keeper Initiative	Government-wide, OPM	Economic Development		Other	in partnership with other departments and agencies, will utilize the Internship, Recent Graduates, and Presidential Management Fellows Pathways Programs to expand outreach and improve employment opportunities across the Federal workforce. OPM will engage in broad outreach to minority serving institutions and diverse student groups and will establish a pilot program with agencies actively hiring under the Pathways Program to ensure that the federal government continues to build a workforce that is strong, inclusive, and able to serve America.	No	Feb-14